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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO BERLIN: OFFICIAL TEXT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT VICE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT
IN BERLIN AS DELIVERED MAY 13:

2. DISTINGUISHED ALLIED AUTHORITIES, MR. GOVERNING
MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMENT:

3. I AM PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN
KIND ENOUGH TO COME AND GREET US THIS EVENING. MRS.
ROCKEFELLER AND I ARE ESPECIALLY DELIGHTED AT THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
RENEW OUR ACQUAINTANCE WITH BERLIN, THE CITY OF FREEDOM KNOWN
AROUND THE WORLD.

4. I WAS LAST HERE IN SEPTEMBER OF 1963 AS GOVERNOR OF
THE STATE OF NEW YORK. I COME HERE NOW AS THE VICE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF
PRESIDENT FORD ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

5. THE PRESIDENT ESPECIALLY WANTED ME TO COME TO BERLIN
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ON THIS TRIP TO GERMANY TO REAFFIRM HIS DEEPEST PERSONAL

COMMITMENT AND THAT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE CONTINUING
FREEDOM AND VIABILITY OF THIS GREAT CITY. I CAN ASSURE YOU
THAT THIS COMMITMENT IS STRONG, FIRM AND CONSTANT.

6. AS YOU KNOW, THE OTHER PLEASANT REASON FOR MY TRIP
IS TO ATTEND A CELEBRATION IN FRANKFURT OF AMERICA'S
200TH YEAR AS A NATION. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DEEPLY
APPRECIATE THE OUTPOURING OF INTEREST IN OUR ANNIVERSARY
WHICH IS EVIDENT THROUGHOUT GERMANY. YOUR CELEBRATION
OF THIS JOYOUS ANNIVERSARY WITH US DEMONSTRATES NOT ONLY
THE CLOSE TIES WHICH HAVE DEVELOPED BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES, BUT ALSO THE UNIVERSAL APPEAL OF FREEDOM
THROUGH DEMOCRACY WHICH POWERED THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
TWO CENTURIES AGO. AND THERE IS NO PLACE ON EARTH WHERE
THIS DEMOCRATIC IDEAL IS HELD MORE DEARLY THAN HERE IN BERLIN.

7. AMERICANS WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL FOR THE CONTRIBUTION
OF SO MANY BRAVE AND DEDICATED GERMAN CITIZENS TO THE
ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR FREEDOM AND LATER TO THE CULTURAL AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH OF OUR NATION.

8. MRS. ROCKEFELLER AND I ARE ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO BE
HERE ON THIS OCCASION BECAUSE BOTH OF US TRACE OUR ANCESTRY
TO GERMANY AND WE ARE THRILLED TO BE BACK IN THE LAND OF
OUR FATHERS.

9. I AM ALSO PLEASED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY, WITH
MRS. ROCKEFELLER, TO SEE AGAIN THIS HANDSOME, HISTORIC
CITY. NO DOUBT MUCH HAS CHANGED IN THE THIRTEEN YEARS
SINCE WE WERE HERE LAST. BUT I ALREADY SENSE THAT
FAMOUS BERLIN SPIRIT, ATMOSPHERE AND HOSPITALITY THAT SEEM
TO HAVE REMAINED UNCHANGED. WE ARE DELIGHTED
TO BE HERE WITH YOU AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GEORGE

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